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SUBJECT: FRANCE TO BUILD ZAIRIAN SATELLITE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

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1. ACCORDING TO FNOCH SITHOLE OF E-SYSTEMS SUBSIDIARY, TAI, CSF THOMPSON ONLY HAS A GO AHEAD TO DO FEASIBILITY STUDY AND DESIGN A SYSTEM, BUT THERE NO DECISION AS YET TO CONSTRUCT IT. HE ALSO THINKS IT IS IMPRACTICAL AND SYAS THAT THE DIRECTOR OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS IS OPPOSED TO IT.

2. SITHOLE STATES THAT TAI IS GETTING A CONTRACT TO DRAW UP A MASTER COMMUNICATIONS PLAN FOR ZAIRE AND THAT TAI PRESIDENT WILLIAM H.C. HALL IS EXPECTED IN ZAIRE SHORTLY TO CONCLUDE THE AGREEMENT.

3. WHILE THE SATELLITE SYSTEM WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE MASTER PLAN AS AN ALTERNATIVE, SITHOLE THOUGHT THAT THE PLAN WOULD SHOW A MICRO-WAVE SYSTEM AS BEING THE MORE PRACTICAL.
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